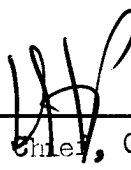


<b>TRANSMITTAL SLIP</b>		DATE 19 December 1958
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REMARKS:  FYI. Attached is reply by BBC to my 12 November letter which was forwarded to you with a memorandum the same date for transmittal to the BBC.		
 <b>FROM:</b> Acting Chief, Okinawa Bureau		
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10th December 1958

Dear

Subject: Chinese Regional Coverage

Mr. Sheringham received your letter of 12th November just before leaving for a month's tour abroad and asked me to reply on his behalf.

Judging from the examples of Chinese regional broadcasts which your Bureau has sent us, I agree with your view that they add little value to what is available from central sources. I may add, however, that I found your round-ups of regional treatment of the Taiwan crisis both interesting and useful, and the same applies to the survey of RONA Chinese Hellschreiber transmissions for September and October, which was the first of such surveys I had seen.

Your point that extra coverage demands entail delay in translating Chinese Hellschreiber is an important one as far as we are concerned and will become more so when we change over shortly from bi-weekly to daily publication. Apart from economic items where the time factor is of less importance, we like to have material from the Peking Home Service and RONA Chinese Hellschreiber as quickly as possible. The summaries of Home Service news bulletins generally reach us within a few hours and most of the items processed from them within 24 hours, which is highly satisfactory. The Chinese Hellschreiber clearly presents more of a problem both to you and to us, but I am glad to see that of late a good deal of it has been reaching us within 24 hours also. Realising something of the difficulties you are faced with, I do not think we can ask more than that.

Yours sincerely,

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